

3 What does Jesus mean by "casting a sword to the world?" Matt. 10:34.

4 How can we seek peace? Peter 3:11.

5 Explain Rom. 8:6.

6 Can we have peace regardless of circumstances.

For all.

7 What do you know personally from your own experience of the peace that Jesus gives?

QUOTATIONS

"Hard may be Duty's hand, but lo it leads
Out into perfect joy where pain shall cease!
God sees thy striving and thy patience heeds;
And thou shalt find his peace."

—Celia Thaxter.

"We needed but to know him one with God,
And we with him, and there his peace was ours."

—Sir Edwin Arnold.

"His will is our peace"—Dante

AN ACROSTIC

Peace, gentle goddess from the heavenly world,
Each happy heart to-day doth greet thee.
All hail thy banner. May its foes be hurled
Careering backward while the friends who meet
thee

Eternally bear on its glorious folds unfurled.

A benediction—Num. 6:23.

—C. F. Yoder.

CALEB; OR CHOOSING A HARD THING

Joshua 14: 5-14

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The study of the life of Caleb ought to make a most delightful hour for our young people's meeting. His faithfulness, his sturdy sense, his humility and bravery, all make up a biography, the reading of which cannot fail to put iron into our sometimes sluggish blood. It would be well to have his life-story told before we take up this special feature of it, where he willingly chooses a hard thing. He was a lowly man and was not, strictly speaking a Hebrew. The story of his faith is told in Numbers 13:30. As a result of that faith and courage he was permitted to enter the land of Canaan with Joshua. He is an old man now, and it would seem that the time had come for him to take things easy; others ought to step forward and take hold of the heavy end of things; so we would naturally expect to read. But not so, Caleb. He is coming for his inheritance according to the promise made by Moses.

He knows he is an old man; he does not try to hide it, but he does say in connection that he is as strong as he was forty-five years before; he can fight as well now as he was willing to do then. He wants as his inheritance that portion of the land which is still unsubdued; he is willing to close in and struggle for that which Moses had promised to him.

There are some things we ought to learn from this grand old man; there was no dead line in his life. God's judgment on him tells the secret of his worth, in Num. 32:12. God says Caleb followed him wholly. So his claim for himself is not pride but a humble statement of a truth. He did not point to his bravery, but to his trust in God. Tho he speaks of his strength to fight he says that "If so be the Lord will be with

me, then I shall be able to drive them out."

Strong he was, but he felt his strength to be in God. After all Caleb was strong because he followed God fully. His faith in God and following after God, gave him a pure heart, so he "had the strength of ten—because his heart was pure." Dissipation had made no inroads upon his body; and his clean heart was the basis of his strong body. It seems as tho many of our young men are failing in bodily strength for the reason that their hearts are not pure. Late hours, the cigarette, and other bad habits, are not likely to produce Caleb characters. They will never be able to fight hard battles because they have wasted their strength be-
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them.

The place to develop physical strength is not only the gymnasium, it begins properly in a pure heart toward God. Caleb's choice of a hard thing showed his real appreciation of an inheritance. He was to have the land, but he was to struggle for it: it would be sweeter when it came into his possession. There are so many who live on their father's labors. Their soft white hand can hardly earn "a living that would serve its turn." They are the weak characters you will find at swell receptions or standing along the street sustained by a feeble cane. But there are others who are in that catalog who do not belong in the same social class. There are thousands of young people afraid of hard work, they are always seeking easy positions, where little work is called for and where little pay only can be expected. It is in this class you find the most speculators; they are looking out for chances to

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make something by doing nothing. They are the folks who talk about "luck." Then, there are just such people all about us in the churches; they are ever ready for ice cream socials, but solid work for the kingdom has no attractions for them. Look over the hard things to be done in the kingdom of God and hear the call for workers in the difficult places in the vineyard; let us choose them. Victory will be sweeter because the struggle has been hard. There is great room for a thousand Calebs in this day and year of our Lord.

Christian Life

Our Father's Patience

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Father, I prayed that Thou wouldst guide
My steps aright, yet looking back
Alas! upon my crooked track,
With shame I fain my face would hide.

The way was plain enough to see,
But, like a heedless child at play,
My fancy lured my feet astray
Altho Thy voice kept calling me.

And Thy sweet patience lingers yet;
Can evening penitential tears
Wash out the errors of past years?
And love my waywardness forget?

Father, by faith to Thee I cling,
When I in Heaven behold Thy face,
With them I'll sing Thy wondrous grace,
With whom long since I loved to sing.

—New York Observer.

The Bible an Open Book

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